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SUBJECT: WMO: SEVENTH CONGRESS: CREDENTIALS COMITE

1. REQUEST MISSION DISCUSS INFORMALLY WITH SECGEN AND
PRESIDENT WMO THEIR INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO COMPOSITION
CREDENTIALS COMITE FOR 7TH WMO CONGRESS.

2. OUR HOPE IS THAT, AS IN PAST, COMPOSITION OF COMITE,
INCLUDING CHAIRMANSHIP, CAN BE FULLY AGREED ON BASIS
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO OPENING OF SESSION SO THAT
PRESIDENT CAN SIMPLY ANNOUNCE AGREED COMPOSITION WHEN
ITEM REACHED ON AGENDA.

3. US OBJECTIVE RE CREDENTIALS COMITE IS TO MAINTAIN
REGIONAL BALANCE AGREED AT 6TH CONGRESS (I.E., 3 EUROPEANS,
2 ASIANS, 3 AFRICANS, 1 LATIN AMERICAN, 1 NORTH AMERICAN,
AND 1 FROM SOUTHWEST PACIFIC) AS WELL AS FAVORABLE OVERALL
POLITICAL COMPOSITION. RE LATTER, WE COULD ALSO ACCEPT
MEMBERSHIP AS AT 6TH CONGRESS (IRELAND, ITALY, UKRAINIAN
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SSR, JAPAN, MONGOLIA, GHANA, MADAGASCAR, DAHOMEY, BRAZIL,

USA, AND AUSTRALIA).

4. FYI. IN ADDITION FOREGOING, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION MISSION ABLE ELICIT FROM SEC GEN AND PRESIDENT
ON PROBLEMS EITHER FORESEES IN CREDENTIALS ISSUES. WE ALSO

HOPE BOTH SEC GEN AND PRESIDENT SHARE US VIEW THAT ROLE OF
CREDENTIALS COMITE IS SOLELY ONE OF SIMPLE VERIFICATION
THAT CREDENTIALS PROPERLY SUBMITTED. IF OPPORTUNITY
PERMITS, MISSION MIGHT TAKE LOW KEY SOUNDINGS ASCERTAIN
PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON ROLE CREDENTIALS
COMITE. END FYI.

5. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
LIST OF COUNTRIES PROPOSED FOR CREDENTIALS COMITE AS SOON
AS THIS AVAILABLE.

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